

A True  
**RELATION**  
OF THE  
**Horrid Ghost**

Of a Woman, which hath frequently been seen in various Habits,  
in the house of *Nicholas Broadway*,  
at the *Three Mariners* in  
*Depthford*,

Upon the Third, Fourth, and Sixth  
of this instant *April*, 1673.

By *Peter Griffith*, *Robert Predam*, and *John Stolliard*, belonging to His Majesty's  
Ship, called *The Monck*, and several others of the Family.

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Rev. 14. Verse 13.

*Happy are the dead which dye in the Lord, for they rest from their labours  
and their works follow them.*

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## GHOST

*At Depthford, &c.*

**A**S in the Morning we may judge by the Rising of the Sun what the succeeding part of the Day will prove; for it is said, that it's Arise being bright and clear, the sequel will be accordingly; when on the contrary, if over-cast and eclips'd with Clouds, such will be the event and effects of it: So we, if the Morning of our lives be hopeful, and promising that by virtuous and pious Education, we may arrive to the Evening, nay, Sun-set of eternal bliss and happiness; for it is a general observation, that (such as we are in our Youth, so we shall be in our

Age, and as our Deeds are here in this life, such will be our Reward in the World to come;) therefore let our dealings be so here, and let us steer by that Compass, that at last we may arrive at that most happy Port of life everlasting, where our pleasure will be without pain, our weal without wo, our happiness without end, and life wherein we shall know no death. Let us not for a little transitory pleasure here on earth, which is as unconstant, as unstable, and as fading as the wind it self, and may be compared to nothing, even to that which is worse than nothing, give our selves over to such sensual, libidinous, and vicious living here, as may hereafter make us woful Fellow-presidents with this Subject of my ensuing Narrative.

It is a most strange and terrible, yet true Relation, of the Apparition of the Ghost of a woman that appeared in the place, time and manner, as is herein most exactly described, according to the Report of the Inhabitants, and other persons belonging to the house wherein this strange and dreadful Spirit hath been seen, after this manner.

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At the *Three Mariners* in *Lower-Deptford*, near the Kings Yard, at the house of *Nicholas Broadway*, on Thursday the 3d. of *April 1673*. there appear'd the Ghost of a woman, of a handsome comely stature: The first time it came to three Lodgers who were Quarter'd in the house, persons belonging to the good Ship call'd the *Monk*; the Name of the first *Peter Griffith*, who asked the others when they were in Bed together, *If they saw any thing?* The Coxswain *Robert Predam*, said, *No*; The Cooks Mate *Stolliard*, said, *I did see the strange Ghost of a Woman*: Says *Predam*, *I wish I could see her too*, and so he did to his great sorrow; for the next night he was taken in such a condition, that he frighted the whole Family, falling into such a distraction, that five or six men were not able to hold him down: Upon that they did watch with him, causing *Anne Lenaway* a Servant in the House to sit up with him, which she did accordingly; and about the mid time of the Night, this *John Stolliard* got upon the Bed, and lean'd upon him that was distracted, to hold him down, when suddenly appeared this



this Ghost, and touch'd *Stolliards* Face with her Finger, which seem'd to be very cold, and he was flung off the Bed Heels over Head the length of two Yards, to the Amazement of the Spectators; upon which a Chyrurgeon was sent for, one *Mr. Creamer*, and he let him blood, but he remains very ill distempered, and looks very ghastly.

The fourth of *April* the Woman of the House, *Katherine Broadway*, being in the lower Room that was haunted, Ironing of Clothes at a long Table, she passed from a Chimney which was behind the Woman, and walk'd a gentle pace through the Room, some four Yards from her, and then turn'd about and lean'd her self against a Post in the Room, and look'd very grimly upon her, which did so much affright her, that she threw down her Smoothing-Iron, and called to her Husband for help; but he being as much affrighted with the Apparition as she was, could no way contribute to her assistance.

Another time being the sixth of *April*, she

she appeared twice to *Katherine Broadway*, once in a black Hood, and then in a white Sheet: One of these times that she appeared to the said *Katherine*, a Mastiff-dog of theirs in the House, came and crept at her feet, and lay there whining and crying as it were for shelter; upon which she called her Husband, who came in with his Hair standing upright, being much amazed at the former Apparition.

Another time this *Anne Lenaway* the Servant was washing of a Room, she coming by as it were in a Mist, caused the Lights of two Candles that were burning, to be almost extinguished, and burn blue, so that she could not find the way out of that Room, till the Candles burnt clear again of themselves.

She hath not as yet been seen but in two Rooms, which are seated one over another: It is not known by any person whom she represents, nor the cause of it; neither hath she as yet made any further progress than what I have here informed you with.

withal, but as soon as I receive a further Information, being encouraged in this with your kind acceptance, shall endeavor to oblige you further, by presenting to your view a full account of her future Actions.

Therefore let this fearful President, as it hath been an unfeigned Spectacle, so let it be your real Example, and thereby so moderate your Deeds and Actions in this life, that hereafter, in the World to come, we may enjoy Peace and Rest to Eternity, which God grant, and I heartily wish to us all, for ever.

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